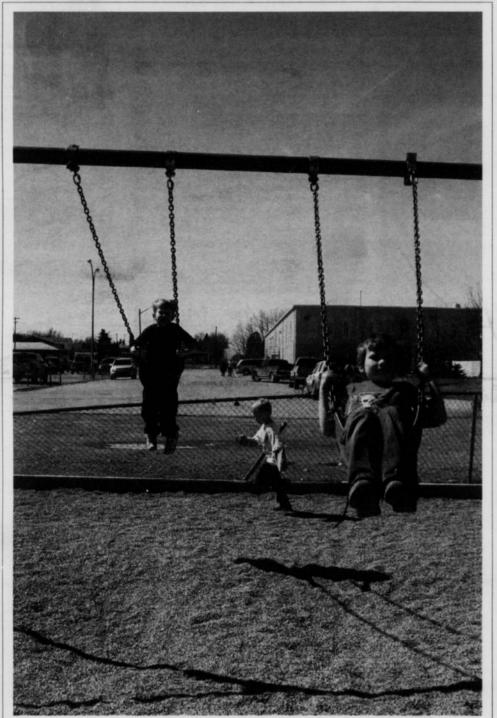
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DIDSBURY



SWING TIME - Jesse Schmidt and friends Drake and Treygon May spend time at the playground Saturday afternoon during



Neighbourhood confused with council's decision

BY SYLVIA COLE

Residents on 23rd Avenue are puzzled over council's decision to remove any private property from a lane ease ment that runs behind their land.

Currently people park campers and vehicles in the 6.12-metre wide easement that runs parallel to the north side of the avenue. The town-owned easement is undeveloped and has trees running partway through, making the lane impassable.

Gus Dommasch has parked his trailer in the laneway for years and recently stored his son's car. He got a letter last week asking him to remove any personal items by the end of May. If he doesn't, the town will issue a fine, remove his property and charge him for removal and stor-

"I'll move them, that's fine," he said. "It just doesn't make sense why this came about."

His question was echoed by other residents along the street who said they've lived in the area for years and never heard any complaints from the town.

"I just don't see the point, it doesn't seem reasonable," said Ernest Fredine, who's lived in the area for 35 years. He doesn't have any property in the lane but his house faces towards the Seal Can Coating Inc. where a line of vehicles is parked. A row of trees in his yard and a row of trees that run in the lane cover the view. "Are they planning to cut down the trees and clear the land so people can drive all the way through?" said Fredine, who has concerns a change of landscape will alter the view. He wants to know why council didn't come and talk to neighbours to get a sense of how they felt about the lane. He also wants to know why they're being left in the dark about what the town plans to do with the lane.

CAO Roy Brown said currently the town has no plans to clear and develop the laneway, but said the town will take on responsibility of maintaining the lane.

"In a perfect world we wouldn't be worried about it," said Brown, who said up until this year, having vehicles parked in the back hasn't concerned the town. He said it came to administration's attention that having people's property parked on town land is a liability. "Through legal seminars we've been advised that this issue is causing concern and angst in other communities. People's property gets damaged and it comes back to the town," he said.

During a council meeting April 5, council agreed with

administration's concerns.

"My concern with this is we're allowing people to use municipal land in this part of town where in other parts of town you can't use it," said Coun. LaVar Adams. "It's a municipal area and we're still liable ... I think that our legal advice is probably the best way to go." Brown said the bylaw isn't specifically designed for this

particular laneway, and added that this was the only area where they knew of people parking their vehicles in the ments

Still, residents aren't convinced.

"I understand there's a lot of alleys in town and we can't block them and so on," said resident Gary Halfyard. "But we have no residents on the other side of us ... most alleys, we take pride in it like it's our own lawn. They said as one of the remedies they would stick up a sign saying 'local residents only.' If it's only for us, why can't we use it?

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Curling members want to see club continue

BY SYLVIA COLE

Curling club members said they're going forward with plans to keep the rink open next season.

Last week, about 50 members showed up for the annual general ing and the club's future was part of discussions, explained Nicke Baran. longtime curling club member.

The consensus from the group is that we will pay for half," said Baran, of the ice compressor that's badly needed to keep the sheets cold.

Last month, the curling

club met with council to discuss replacement costs in around came \$80,000. Council offered to pay half, and asked the club to match.

The discussion with the town didn't go well at first," said Baran, who explained \$40,000 wasn't something the club had at hand. He said since the initial meeting the club and town admin has discussed the possibility of paying back the town on a 10-year term. "This we can pay lower numbers over 10 years. We don't have the money for a big lump sum.

The Memorial Complex

pressors. Two keep the big ice sheet and small ice sheet in the hockey arena cool. The third works in the curling rink. With the third compressor on its last legs, the two compressors worked overtime last eason to keep all three sheets cool, and cost the town roughly \$10,000 in upgrades because they were working full time, explained Mayor Brian Wittal last month. Because the third compressor n't necessary for the hockey rinks, council was willing to share half the costs of the replacement.

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north of town Thursday

Council tasked with finding funds

BY SYLVIA COLE Review Staff

Council sat down with epresentatives of Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) last week to determine who should have to finance road upgrades to the rail line

Representatives from CPR announced in February from they would be doing rail upgrades throughout replacing the Didsbury, lines, now 25 years old, with newer, stronger lines anticipation of future growth. Council heard the news after budget deliberations and were irked such little notice was given, to allow time for them to budget the expens

On Tuesday night, when three reps met in council chambers, they were adamant that the costs fall

on council. There are certain roles and responsibilities the railway has and road authority

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

has," said Doug Younger, public works manager for CPR. "The Canadian Transportation Agency is regulator on that and they set up guidelines to ensure parties all across the country are treated fairly. guidelines that the agency sets up also reflect roles and responsibilities each party has to take in the road and rail crossing area," he said.

For Didsbury, council will have to budget the costs for road upgrades at three crossings in town located at 7th Avenue, 15th Avenue and 20th Avenue. Range Road 2.0 would fall under Alberta Transportation Upgrades include pavement repairs, road closures, snow removal and traffic detour. and early estimates came in around \$50,000.

Someone had this capital plan in their hat longer than January. Sorry. But something like this takes more planning than that. Now we

have to find the dollars and it's a hardship on the com munity," said Coun. Gayle Veno after CPR reps said notice of the work came in February because they only got the approval in January

CAO Roy Brown echoed Veno's statement and asked the three men how they could compensate the town.

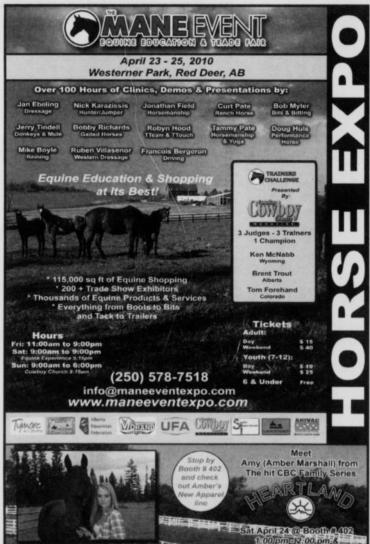
Younger said CP was already offering compensa said CP was tion by covering an \$18,000 job for maintenance along 15th Avenue crossing that they could charge the town.

"I feel for you guys," said Kevin Hrysak, media relations, after hearing council's frustration about lack of communication. to work together and need to work together to run safely though your town." He told council he hopes to continue working on opening the lines of communica

"All of us are a little frustrated we didn't get at least a little bit of notice to find funds," said Veno after the weekend. "I'm pleased, though, that we opened the lines of communication," she said. The town wants to redevelop areas of town along 19th Street and will need the cooperation of CP, she said.

The rail project started last year with line replace from Calgary to ment Airdrie. This year, they hope to work on lines north of Airdrie to Olds. Council didn't make any decisions on Tuesday about where they'll get the funds from, but will looking into grant







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Candidates discuss accountability, economy

BY DAN SINGLETON For the Review

Four of the five candiates running in the federal Wild Rose riding discussed a host of topics during a two hour forum in Airdrie on Thursday, including their respective plans and proposals for the national economy, government accountability and environmental protection.

The candidates in the ridare incumbent Conservative Blake Richards, Liberal John Reilly, NDP challenger Jeff Richards. Horvath and Green Party Mike challenger MacDonald. The riding includes Didsbury, Carstairs, Olds, Sundre and Cremona.

Blake Richards told audience members that voting for anyone other than the Conservatives would have the "potential to jeopardize Canada's fragile economic recovery just as we are entering the home stretch.

The stakes in this election are high and a very clear choice lies ahead. It's a choice between a stable national government with a proven leader, Prime Minister Stephen Harper, or a chaotic coalition lead by Michael Ignatieff (Liberal leader) that would see Quebec separatists decid-ing the direction this counwill take," Richards.

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Saying a Conservative majority government would a threat to Canadian democracy, Liberal candi-date Reilly said his party would spend more on social programs.

"I say this is the most important election Canada has ever had because the contempt of Parliament by our past government is a serious affront to democracy and I believe if they are elected with a majority, democracy as we know it will be severely damaged," said Reilly

"I believe the policies of the Harper Conservatives are a recipe for social disaster and that they will cost so much that out great-grandchildren will still be paying for them. I believe the choice in this election is between a government that will spend billions on planes, prisons and corporate tax cuts and a government that will spend money on people.

"This Conservative gov ernment wants to tell Canadians that they are going to govern and we are going to pass legislation and we are not going to tell you how much it is going to cost. This is the Canada Stephen Harper and Blake Richards will give you."

Saying he is "concerned about the direction our country is heading," NDP candidate Jeff Horvath said his party represents a viable alternative to another Conservative government.

"We've given Stephen

Harper five years," said Horvath. "He came in say-Tm going to clean up Ottawa with transparency and accountability and we are not there. We have one of the most secretive governments that is threatening democracy and I'm here to a stand against that

"I think it is important to provide a positive alternative to what we have with Blake Richards and the Conservatives. We sent them five years ago to clean up Ottawa and they made it

Calling his party a new alternative to the traditional Party Green parties. Candidate Mike MacDonald said if elected he would work for more accountabil-

ity in government.
"I have become concerned about what I see as a lack of democracy and a lack of vision in Ottawa," said MacDonald. "Staying the course to me is a poor option. The course that we were on led to the global collapse in 2008. We need to move to a new smart economy that can continue to function for the long term and take into account the social and environmental needs that we have.

"I think you have to ask yourself if you are looking for something different, do you want something differ-Are you happy with what you've seen in Ottawa? If you want something different you have to vote for something differ-

ent. "The Green Party is an upand-coming party with ideas that will steer Canada in a new direction. There are no simple solutions to complex problems. have to address the roots of our fiscal, social and environmental concerns.

During the forum, candidates answered questions from the floor and written questions from audience members. Some of their

responses are as follows:

• Asked if he would support drug injection sites, Reilly, Horvath and MacDonald said yes and Reilly. Richards said no.

· All four candidates said if elected they would work to ensure transparency and accountability in govern-ment. Horvath, MacDonald and Reilly said the past Conservative government lacked accountability; Richards said it was accountable and transpar-

 All four candidates said the government should do more to protect pension plans

· All four candidates said if elected they would work to protect Canada's northern sovereignty.

· Asked if he would reinstate the mandatory long form census, Reilly, MacDonald and Horvath said yes. Richards says the new voluntary long form census is better because it doesn't put people at risk of

criminal sanction.

• Asked if he would abolish the Senate, Horvath and MacDonald said yes, Reilly said the Liberal policy is to retain the Upper House, and Richards said he would like to see senators elected.

· All four candidates said the justice system should do whatever is needed to protect young people from pedophiles.

Christian Heritage Wild Rose candidate Randy Van Den Broek did not attend the Airdrie forum.



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Curling

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"If we had closed for a year (to find funds) we would've had a hard time coming back everyone wot because would have found different clubs to join and it would have just split everyone up," Baran, of why members felt it was important to find a solution this year. He said curling is an important part of the community and it's not something he wants to see disappear.

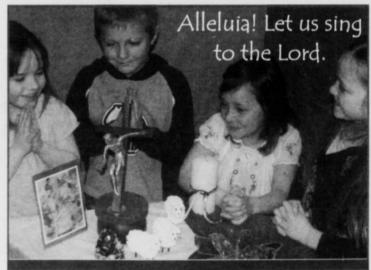
CAO Roy Brown said the town has to get three tender quotes and they are just waiting on the final two before they know exactly how much the repairs will cost. He said execs with the club have met on a few occasions with town admin discuss different options

Current options on the table figure roughly \$710 monthly payments over the next 10 years based on a cost total of \$72,000, explained CFO Kynan Larson. He said \$35,000 has been set aside in the town budget. He said other con-siderations during discussion included finding ways to secure the loan. The club has mentioned the

possibility of using rocks as assets. The other two quotes should be in by the end of the week, he added.

Curling club president manda Gosselin said Amanda plans aren't confirmed yet and discussions generated

from the AGM will still have to be brought back to the town before anything is



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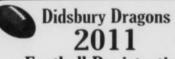
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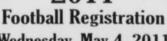
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pinion

Editorial Election campaign plays out as predicted

DAN SINGLETON



With the 2011 federal election coming to a close on May 2, Canadians can't perhaps be faulted for looking back on this the fourth national campaign in seven years with a sense of dissatisfaction and disillusionment.

At a cost of about \$300 million, the campaign has played out largely as predicted, with all parties basically sticking to the exact positions they held before the race began and voters wondering if the price has really been worth paying.

The fact that there was no one critical issue facing the nation has made this campaign very much like the one in 2008, with the Conservatives calling on voters to take the plunge and finally give Mr. Harper the majority he's been after for years.

On the other side the Liberals and NDPs have once again made keeping majority power out of Harper's hands one of their absolute top priori-

And, as in the 2008 campaign, the various parties have made widespread use of scare tactics, both in speeches and in political advertising.

In particular, TV ads from the Conservatives and Liberals have been anything but civil, with the Tories claiming time and again that only majority power can save Canada from a dreaded coalition controlled by the separatist Bloc Quebecois.

The Liberals, on the other hand, have been equally vigorous in their attacks on the Tories, with their TV ads claiming Stephen Harper only wants a majority Parliament so he can push his right-wing agenda without the meddlesome opposition getting in his way.

Yet is it really surprising that the fight between the Liberals and Conservatives has been so bitter? A quick glance at any Question Period session in the House of Commons over the last seven years will show the very same outright hostility between Grits and Tories.

Regardless of how things turn out on May 2. there can be little doubt that the next Parliament will carry over much of the same outright hostility that has been so widespread on the campaign trail, particularly at the national leadership

Many Canadian voters have become cynical and jaded about politics, and can anyone blame them?

With a provincial election now on the horizon, West Central Alberta residents might be wondering if they will very soon be in for a big helping of more of the same down-and-dirty politics.

Yet wouldn't it be nice if the Alberta candidates focused their attention, not on slamming their opponents at every turn, but on making a concerted effort to hear voter concerns and adjust their policies, programs and proposals accordingly? That would certainly be a nice and welcome



Commentary

Albertans need judicial inquiry

It is interesting to now witness the government's credibility, instead of rogue MLA Raj Sherman's, torn to pieces over how the province is han-dling health care when a mere two weeks ago their roles in this ongoing tragedy were reversed. It will take no less than a full judicial inquiry to restore any faith the public has in the Tory government's ability to manage

the health care system.
It is rare that Alberta's opposition parties — of which there are now a record four with MLAs in the legislature — agree on anything, but the sight of all party leaders and Sherman standing in front of a micro phone, united in their call for a full inquiry into the alleged deaths of canpatients and subsequent treatment of physicians by the govern-ment, is enough on its face to warrant more action than the government is proposing.

Last week's flip-flop by both Premier Ed Stelmach and Health Minister Gene Zwozdesky was stunningly abrupt, considering the lan-guage Stelmach initially used to shoot down the idea. "Wild goose chase," "totally unsubstantiated" and "just as soon let this die" were some of Stelmach's notable quotes one day before he announced the Health

Quality Council of Alberta would review 322 complaints of compromised care that had been raised by Alberta Medical Association section president Dr. Paul Parks.

While on the surface it might seem like Stelmach is caving to the opposition demands, the nature of the health council review is enough to doubts about Albertans will learn the truth about patient care in Alberta. The panel will report directly to the minister, not to the legislature, a fact worthy of criticism given how intimately tied Zwozdesky has been with other so-called "arms-length" organizations. Though all who testify during the review will be granted immunity and anonymity under the Alberta Evidence Act, the entire process will take place behind closed doors and the final report will be given to Zwozdesky first. Furthermore, the health council will not pursue any allegations of financial wrongdoing or professional misconduct, matters at the heart of Sherman's original allegations — that some doctors had been bullied, pushed out of their jobs or even paid to keep quiet about patients who died while waiting for lung surgery.

What seemed so inflammatory and

preposterous two weeks ago when Sherman first announced his allegations now seems possible, given the government's lack of action on the matter and the presence of a settled lawsuit in which a former thoracic surgeon claimed he was bullied out of his job for pushing for more resources. While Dr. Ciaran resources. While Dr. Ciaran McNamee's claims were settled and never proven in court, it casts the government in a further questionable

Stelmach can rant all he wants about the opposition creating fear among the public, as he did in a statelate Sunday, but for the first time in a long time, Albertans are actually witnessing an effective opposition in the legislature trying to hold the government to account. Pushing for a judicial inquiry is a risky but welcome proposition as it would separate the government's treatment of health care from the government for a change. The opposition parties are not playing politics as Stelmach mongered — they are finally doing their job and putting the future health and wellbeing of Albertans ahead of their own agen-

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Mayor's Corner

Roles of administration and council

BY BRIAN WITTAL

When I got married I thought I would have more power than I actually did.

When I became mayor of Didsbury, much the same thing happened.

So I am not surprised when people don't understand the roles of mayor, council members and town administration. It is quite a confusing organization and roles are not always clearly defined.

Because roles are not always clearly defined, it is important for council and administration to work well together and have a common vision for the town.

The Municipal Government Act of the Province of Alberta sets out the roles of council, the mayor and the chief administrative officer.

lors' jobs are to work with other members of council to set the overall direction municipality. Council does this by setting policies, passing bylaws developing the yearly budg et for the municipality and then determining the rate for the town. As a council, we spend consid-erable time debating poli-Some examples of policies that council has debated in recent years late include: penalties for utilities, emergency vehicle operations and communicating with the public. Council cerned for the well-being. welfare and interests of the municipality as whole.

Council also passes bylaws. Bylaws are much more stringent than policies, and bylaws carry penalties for not complying whereas policies do not specify penalties. An example of a bylaw, and it also



happens to be the most contentious bylaw we have in Didsbury, is the two-hour parking bylaw.

Council members really are the rule-makers but even then, council is restricted from making

jurisdiction of provincial or federal levels of government. Environmental issues, for example, come under both federal and jurisdictions. provincial This means the town is regulated as to what water we discharge into the Rosebud River. Council has been in dialogue with the province for years on why the town cannot discharge our lagoon water into the Rosebud River twice a year instead of once a year. The town contends

river, but the province says "no" and we have to listen. The mayor does have some additional duties which include acting as chairperson of council, trying to work with all council

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members to achieve consensus, liaising with the chief administrative officer and senior staff as well as meeting with representatives of other levels of government to keep our MLA and MP apprised of issues important to Didsbury and its residents.

Many citizens think that council hires and fires town staff and that is wrong. Council only has one employee and that is the chief administrative officer. Only the town chief administrative officer can fire town staff. So when someone complains to me about a town employee and why, as mayor or council member, don't we fire the person, they need to know that mayor and council can only hire and fire one person and that is the chief administrative officer.

The chief administrative officer is responsible for carrying out the policies that are enacted by council.

that are enacted by council.

The CAO hires staff and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the municipality.

We all have different roles but we all have the same goal - working to achieve what is best for Didsbury.

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It is important that the mayor, council, the CAO and staff work well together because then all of our time can be devoted to serving the community and not spending time deciding who is supposed to do what.

Actually, working on council is a lot like being married. The better we get along, the more enjoyable the experience and the better job we do.

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TOWN OF DIDSBURY

PUBLIC MEETINGS

PUBLIC HEARING: Tuesday April 26, 2011 at 6:00 pm

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday April 26, 2011 at 7:00 pm

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday May 10, 2011 at 7:00 pm

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday May 18, 2011 at 4:30 pm

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ROAD REPORT

STREET SWEEPING COMMENCING APRIL 21

Please note that the Town will begin cleaning the streets April 21st. Signs will be posted in the areas that will be cleaned the night <u>prior</u> to those section(s) being cleaned.

It will be greatly appreciated if residents could cooperate and ensure vehicles are not parked on the streets that are going to be cleaned.

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The proposed schedule of work is:

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CP Rail will work to minimize the impact on residents, but this necessary work will result in the rescheduling of day-time rail traffic to night-time activity with subsequent train noise issues.

Town of Didsbury personnel are working with CP Rail to ensure the track works and road restorations are completed in a cooperative manner.

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Jim Wendell takes advantage of the meet-and-greet set up at Mugs Coffee House last week to speak with Green Party candidate Mike MacDonald.

Candidates stop in

Review Staff

Green Party candidate Mike MacDonald visited Didsbury last week to meet and talk with locals about the upcoming election.

traditional Conservative riding and there's no hiding that," said MacDonald of the people he met and spoke with at Mugs Thursday afternoon. "But I think people are looking for something dif-ferent ... I don't think it's unrealistic to say one day there could be a Green platform." MacDonald said he notices a growing interthe Green Party.

MacDonald will also be at a meet-and-greet this evening at the Didsbury Municipal Library with other candidates from 6 to 8 p.m. There will also be a

TransCanada Theatre this Thursday evening at High school students will be on hand, collecting food donations for the View Mountain Bank.



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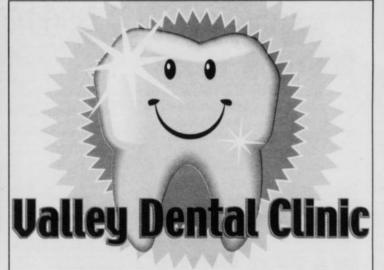
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Badminton season in full swing

BY SYLVIA COLE Review Staff

The badminton season is in full swing for high school students. Jammed between the end of the basketball season and the start

of track, games have been scheduled back to back, explained Dragons coach Ian Paton. "Basketball went a little

bit longer because provincials and then spring break came right after that," he said, explaining the season is condensed to

about a month. "We've had quite a few students turn out to play; they're a pretty good bunch of kids," he said.

Last Monday Didsbury High School hosted the regional games at Olds' Ralph Klein Centre, and students eleven Didsbury were able to advance to. zones Wednesday afternoon in Okotoks.

"There were eight different zones represented and about eight students in each pool.'

Jason Edwards of the Dragons placed bronze for senior boys singles, and Aaron and Jay Goal fourth mixed dou-

Tyson Newton placed

boys singles and will advance to provincials in two weeks in Strathmore.

Grade 9 students play

Olds and any who advance to zones will play the week end following senior provincials.



Didsbury High School student Fabienne Voegeli competes in a badminton tournament hosted by Olds High School at the Ralph Klein Centre on Apr. 18. Zones were two days later and Tyson Newton will

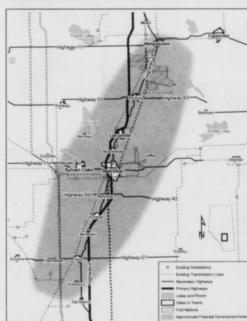
Notification of AESO Regulatory Filing Need for Transmission Reinforcement in the Red Deer Region

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) advises you of its intention to file a needs identification document (NID) with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) to reinforce the transmission system in the Red Deer region on or after May 13, 2011.

The AESO has identified the need to reinforce the transmission system in the Red Deer region. Transmission development in the Red Deer region is needed for the following specific reasons:

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The map above outlines the Red Deer region and highlights the approximate potential development area.

The AESO presented this need and plans to address this need to residents, occupants and landowners near the proposed development and other stakeholders during a variety of consultation activities held from February to May 2011. The AESO has considered feedback gathered from stakeholders, and technical and cost considerations, and will apply to the AUC for approval of the need for this project. Once filed, the NID will be posted on the AESO website at http://www.aeso.ca/transmission/22715.html.

Please visit our website, www.aeso.ca for more information, or contact the AESO at 1-888-866-2959 or stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca.



Volunteer centre opens

BY SYLVIA COLE Review Staff

The Didsbury Volunteer Centre, meant to help organizations in town recruit and retain members, opened last week at the Didsbury Neighborhood place.

Discussions about the centre started last year after Nicole Aasen, manager of community services, wanted to do something to help volunteer groups in the area who were crying out for help. She asked council in February to use leftover FCSS funds towards starting the centre.

In February, an open house was held and 30 volunteers came out to learn more. The initiative is designed to bring together volunteers and community organizations into one centralized place. Volunteer Didsbury will provide volunteers with the opportunity to connect with organizations from Didsbury and area and a screening process will help people looking to volunteer find the right fit. For more information call (403) 335-8719.







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Provincials nearing

BY SYLVIA COLE

Didsbury's Sage Jackson is excited and nervous for his upcoming provincial compe-

Belting out tunes last month during the Olds and District Kiwanis Music Festival got 12-year-old Jackson first place distinct tion for the classical and folk vocal category and a chance to compete at a provincial level in Edmonton at the end of next month

"I was shocked," explained Jackson of his reaction to the news. "I was also horrified at the thought of performing with people from all



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over Alberta, and worried. But it's exciting to have the chance to go," he said.

Jackson, a multi-talented musician has played piano for six years, has also taken up guitar and began vocal training two years ago. He said music is a big part of his life, with siblings, mom and grandma also involved in

Piano and vocals tie as his favourite musical endeavour and he practises both almost every day.

The provincials, the Alberta Music Festival held in Edmonton, will feature performers at all levels and ages. "I'm competing against the whole province. I'm like, freaking out." Jackson has to sing two contrasting songs and has picked a standing vocal slow song, Old Dog Tray and a faster song, The Pirate Song. He said he'll be upping his practice time until the big day and pacing back and forth in anticipation.

"He's always done well (at Kiwanis)," said mother Cathy, excited for her son. "This is his second year singing so it's great to have him move on to provincials. We don't even know what it'll be like. It'll be She said exciting to see. even though Jackson gets nervous leading up to a performance, once he's on the stage, he's golden.

"I get captivated when I'm performing. Practising, well, it sucks. I love the performing and I love to act.



Local author Marjorie Malinowski at her home.

Local resident authors first book

BY SYLVIA COLE Review Staff

Spending part of her adult life writing scientific protocols for her job with Global Emission Solutions Inc., Marjorie Malinowski of Didsbury is now in the process of crafting her third fiction book.

"It wasn't written for anything else than for someone to be able to sit back and read about what happens in a family," said Malinowski of her first book Not Your Time, that's just been published and is now out for sale.

novel follows

woman named Ann who has just been released the hospital after undergoing open-heart sur-gery. Se realizes her time on earth is limited, and she sets about preparing her husband of 50 years and children to carry on with-

Malinowski credits the idea that started her first novel to a dream she had when on a flight to Bosnia, where she often travels for work.

"I stay at a nice place there that overlooks the river. I usually go for a walk every night but it was raining and I didn't feel like

working. So I started writing what I dreamed about and it became a relaxing thing to do every evening, she said.

The dream was about a tornado something Malinowski experienced a few days before flying out to Bosnia after she stopped in Arkansas to visit her daughter-in-law. "It was 300 feet off the ground, right above the house. It sounds like you're standing right next to a train."

Malinowski wrote her first nine chapters, where the character revisits her adopting two children after their parents were killed by a tornado. When she returned to Canada she put the writing away and forgot about it for a while until she rediscovered it when cleaning the house

"I took it with me on a camping trip and had my daughter read it. She loved it and wanted to know what would happen next, she explained, crediting her daughter and daughter in-law with pushing her to finish the book.

'I just find myself now thinking about the characters before I go to sleep at night - what are doing? Where should I tak them next?" she said. Malinowski just finished them next?" the first draft of her sec ond book, Pennies from Heaven and said she's started work on a third.

The three books are part of a series with the last two following the lives of Ann's children.

'I wanted a book my friends and their children could read and be proud of. I wanted to do some thing I wouldn't be ashamed of." Malinowski said elements of herself, including her faith, are

woven into the plot.

Malinowski's book came out last month and is available for sale at Didsbury Value Drug Mart as well as online for ebooks via Amazon. She'll be at Value Drug Mart May 7 for sign-

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Diesel theft leaves costly cleanup

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Teens smokeup

A group of teenagers were noticed smoking up in a car late last week. A Didsbury woman observed the teens in a 1999 Black Honda Civic in the afternoon of April 20th and notified RCMP. Police located the vehicle and arrested an 18-year-old Didsbury male, two 17-year-old Didsbury males and a 15-year-old Didsbury male after noticing a moderate odor of smoked cannabis marijuana. After earching the car police came across an insignificant quantity inside the vehicle. Through interviews police determined the pot was smoked prior to police locating them. All four were released without charge

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Randy and Myrna, Gary & Margaret.

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hes to thank all of those who purchased tickets and supported us at our recent Military Whist Drive held on April 9, 2011. We also wish to thank the following merchants and individuals for their donations of door prizes:

AG Foods, Barry Barkley, Karen Baudistel Didsbury Pharmasave, Didsbury Value Drug Mart, Dollar Store and More, Didsbury Home Hardware Gilded Gallery, Medallion Trophies, Mugs Coffee Shop, Rose McRae at Cut'N'Loose, Gwenda Sorenson at Cut'N'Loose, S&J Embroidery, Victoria Flowers, Ulla-La Boutique, Unique Stained Glass Works.

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